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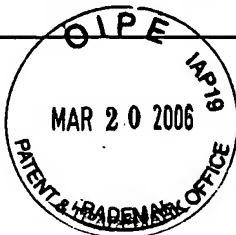
In re Application of

Yasuhiro SAKAI et al.

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For: Method of Staining, and Detecting and  
Counting Bacteria, and a Diluent for  
Bacterial Stain



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